

**TOWN OF VASS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECONVENED  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
May 15, 2017**

The reconvened budget work session was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were Kosem, Kellis, Mosley, and Callahan. Commissioner Blackwell was absent.

Mayor Callahan asked Town Clerk to go over the changes made to the proposed 2017-2018 Budget since the meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Republic Services has notified the Town of an increase of 2.1% based on the Consumer Price Index. The price for the Town will increase from \$7.98 to \$8.15 per cart. The employee health insurance budget based on a \$500 deductible plan was calculated to reflect the 14.03% rate increase. She reminded the Board that the budget also included the proposed increase to 9 cent for the fire tax rate.

Town Clerk told the Board she had contacted the schools and library and they were unable to accept the donation of the surplus copier. She has contacted Vass Cypress Head Start and they would love to have the copier.

The Board discussed raising the municipal tax rate to help offset the increase in the fire tax rate as well as the pending legislation to alter the distribution formula for local option sales taxes. If this legislation passes, Vass could experience a significant loss of approximately \$18,000.

There was discussion regarding the park renovation and the installation of surveillance cameras. Chief Beck is in the process of getting prices. Mayor Callahan made a recommendation to decrease the park renovation budget for this fiscal year from \$75,000 to \$25,000 and to budget \$50,000 for fiscal year 2017/2018. There was discussion about some of the ideas for upgrades, fall zones, playground equipment and gazebo.

Town Clerk told Board there is \$21,686 in Capital Reserve Fund that could be transferred to General Fund. The Board discussed this option.

1 cent tax increase was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to come out of budget meeting and go into reconvened Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Kosem made a motion. All were in favor.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk